To His GRACE,

HIS MAJESTY'S HIGH COMMISSIONER:

And the Honourable

ESTATES OF PARLIAMENT

The PETITION of ſeveral NOBLES and BARRONS concerned in Burghs of Regality and Barrony, and other Inhabitants within this Kingdom.

Humbly Sheweth,

THAT there being an Act offered to your Grace and Lordſhips, for Explaining the Import of the Words in the Act of Parliament 1693 (anent Communication of Trade) *Diſcharging all Perſons whatſomever to exerciſe any kind of Trade*; which we humbly conceive did not extend to the Trading in the Native Commodities of the Kingdom, or to Handycrafts-men following their ſeveral Imployments, or to Retailing Forreign Commodities bought from Burgeſſes of Royal Burghs; The ſaids Priviledges being ſecured to us by former Laws, no ways Abrogat or Reſcinded. When the ſaid Act was moved, after ſome little Debate it was laid aſide and delayed. And ſeing the Explaining of the ſaids Words is a Matter of Univerſal Concern to this Kingdom,

May it therefore pleaſe your Grace and Lordſhips to Call for the ſaid Act, which lyes in the Clerk's Hand, and to Explain and declare your Meaning by the forſaid Words, that the Leidges may be determined thereanent, and freed from the Expenſes of further Quibbling thereupon.